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In re Application of

Mitchell Keegan, et al.

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For: DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR PORCINE SOMATOTROPIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 5.

Please amend the claims 1, 3, 6, 13, 16, 17 and 23 as follows.

C1 1. (Amended) An expression cassette including a sequence encoding an insulin secretory signal operably linked to a heterologous sequence encoding somatotropin.

C2 3. (Amended) An expression cassette according to claim 1, wherein the insulin secretory signal is a modified insulin secretory signal which has one or more amino acid modifications of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:1 and has substantially the same overall biological